

Appendix 1: Public Hearing Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Program and Division of Fish and Wildlife**

and the New Jersey State House Commission

Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Exchange of Property with the Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. in Jackson Township, Ocean County and Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth County

Take Notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1D-51 through -58, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), Green Acres Program and Division of Fish and Wildlife, will hold two **public hearings** to seek comments on a proposed exchange of property with the Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. ("Club") in Jackson Township, Ocean County and Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth County.

The Club and the NJDEP propose to exchange approximately 86.8 acres of land owned by the Club (Replacement Tract) for approximately 43.05 acres of land owned by the NJDEP (NJDEP Tract). The NJDEP Tract consists of portions of Block 17601, Lots 1, 3, 4, and 7 in Jackson Township, Ocean County. The street address is South Stump Tavern Road. The land is currently part of the Colliers Mills WMA and a portion of it has been affected by the accumulation of lead resulting from the discharge of lead shot at an adjacent shooting range operated by the Club. The proposed exchange of property would remove the affected land from NJDEP ownership and create a buffer area between the range and the WMA to ensure the safety of the public. The Replacement Tract is designated for tax purposes as Block 43, Lot 24 in Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth County. The street address is Route 539. The land is currently vacant forested land and will be incorporated into the adjacent Pleasant Run Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

A copy of a report analyzing the proposed exchange, including maps and a more detailed description of the proposal, is available online at www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/notices.html

Due to the current State of Public Health Emergency, the hearings will be conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams. Members of the public may participate in the hearings via video conference or by telephone. Instructions for participating in the hearings can be found at: www.nj.gov/dep/greenacres/notices.html

The **first public hearing** on the proposed exchange will be conducted by the NJDEP and will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM or close of public comment (whichever is earlier). Members of the public who do not have internet access may participate in the hearing by calling (856) 338-7074 and using the Conference ID number 432093117#.

The **second public hearing** will be conducted jointly by the NJDEP and the State House Commission (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:31-1.1) and will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM or close of public comment (whichever is earlier). Members of the public

who do not have internet access may participate in the hearing by calling (856) 338-7074 and using Conference ID number 178751343#.

Interested persons may obtain information from Mary Monteschio in the Division of Fish and Wildlife (contact information below) and may submit written comments to Ms. Monteschio until 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 14, 2021 for the first public hearing and 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 29, 2021 for the second public hearing. Given the current State of Public Health Emergency, electronic submissions are preferred. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at either of the public hearings are asked to submit a written copy of their comments for use by the NJDEP and the State House Commission. For comments submitted electronically, please include "Proposed Exchange of Property with CJRPC" in the subject line of the email.

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For the NJDEP:

DATE:

2/4/21



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Department of Environmental Protection

For the State House Commission (as to the second public hearing only):

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